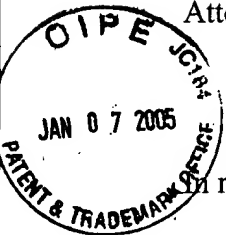


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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2004, for which the shortened statutory period for reply extends to January 6, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 26 of this paper.